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NOTICE TO O. C.

O. C. units are reminded that—
(a) The monthly return of strength is
required on 1st prox.
(b) All outstanding pay lists should be
returned at once.
(c) The pay lists for April should be
forwarded as early as possible. Rate of
\$ = 2 shillings.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

The detail of duties at Lyenfan from
1st to 15th May has been posted, on
notice board at Headquarters.
The undermentioned Sappers are
transferred to No. 3 Section (Taikoo):
Sapper Sumner, Sapper Brown W.
Sapper Brown C. W., Sapper Rogers,
Sapper Clarke, Sapper Jucker.

PARADES.

Parades for Sunday, 30th instant.
8.45 a.m. Artillery Battery 2 N. C. Co.
and 12 men of Right Section M. G. Co.
and 12 men of the Signalling Section on
Cricket Ground. As detailed in Corps
Order No. 4 of 27. 4. 16.

Parades for Monday, 1st May.
7 to 8 a.m. Signalling Section "C"
Class at Headquarters.
5.30 p.m. Scouts Company No. 2
Section—Squad drill at Headquarters.

PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.

On the same days as this week, except
Scouts Co. who will parade as follows—
Monday 1st May 5.30 p.m.—No. 2 Sec.
Squad drill etc. Headquarters.
Wednesday 3rd May 5.30 p.m.—No. 3
Sec. Squad drill etc. at Headquarters.
Thursday 4th May 5.30 p.m.—No. 4
Sec. Squad drill etc. at Headquarters.
Friday 5th May 5.30 p.m.—No. 1 Sec.
Squad drill etc. at Headquarters.
Dress—Drill order.

On duty to-night, to-morrow night
and 1st May, Scouts Company.
Orderly Officer, Lieut. Rees.
The guard will carry great coats rolled
until further orders.



NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, NON ASIATIC or
INDIAN desiring to leave the
Colony should apply in writing for per-
mission to do so to the Captain Super-
intendent of Police, at least 48 hours
before the intended hour of departure,
giving name, nationality, age, sex, height
and occupation, of the applicant, and
stating the name of the steamer or other
vessel or the hours of the train by which
the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants
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Subscribed Capital £4,500,000
Paid-up Capital £2,437,500
II—Fire Funds..... 3,337,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds..... 17,567,560
Sinking Fund Account..... 128,250
£23,970,367
Revenues Fire Branch..... £2,381,466
" Life and Annuity Branches..... 2,141,693
Revenues Marine Department..... 337,239
Other Receipts..... 478,940
£3,339,338
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10 P.M. 'HEUNGSHAN' 5 P.M. 'KINSHAN'

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SUNDAY, 30th APRIL.

The Company's Steamship "TAISHAN,"

will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M.

and return from Macao at 3 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning, at

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INTIMATIONS

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES, 1911 AND 1912.

AND

In the Matter of THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

(In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of Section 184 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 that the FINAL WINDING-UP MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Office of the Liquidators, St. George's Building, Charter Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, 22nd May 1916 at Noon, for the purpose of having the account of the Liquidators showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the Property of the Company disposed of, laid before such meeting and hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidators.

Dated 20th April, 1916.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 4, Connaught Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 6th day of May, 1916, at Noon, for the purpose of considering and passing any Extraordinary Resolution which may be presented at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 18th day of April, 1916, and to consider and pass any Special Resolution which may be presented at the said meeting.

That the name of the Company be changed to the "British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited."

Dated this 18th day of April, 1916.

By Order of the Board.

C. MONTAGUE EDE.

General Manager.

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The loan is repaid by the par on 1st February, 1920, Russian style, without option for the Russian Government to convert it at an earlier date.

Coupons are payable half yearly on the 1st February and 1st August, Russian style.

As interest on the above loan runs from 1st/14th February, the interest accrued on date of subscription must be taken into consideration and is to be added to the price of issue.

The Russo-Asiatic Bank in Hongkong is ready to accept applications for the above loan.

Special favourable rates will be quoted for Russian exchange.

Payments may also be made in Rubles. Applications will be wired to Petrograd free of telegraphic charges and commission.

40% only of the cost of the Bonds may be paid on application, the balance to be paid on receipt of the Bonds.

The Bank is also ready to give every facility to subscribers in the shape of advances against the scrips.

G. TISDALL.

Manager.

Hongkong, March 30, 1916.

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NOTICE.

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JOSE C. DE ORALDIA,

Consul for Panama.

Hongkong, April 27, 1916.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of \$1.00 and BONUS of \$2.00 per SHARE declared at the Forty-seventh Meeting of Shareholders held this day will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY the 28th April, 1916.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. PEMBERTON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, April 27, 1916.

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ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

EARLY MORNING GOLF.

A BALL played on to any portion of the Sand-Track, Grass-Track, or in the Ditches on both sides of the said Tracks must be lifted and dropped in the fairway not nearer to the hole, under penalty of one stroke.

This Local Rule applies only to Early Morning Golf, and has been introduced to avoid annoyance to riders and ponies on the track.

Players are requested to keep their saddles off the rails when ponies are passing.

The above Local Rule is applicable to the Turf Cup when competed for in the early morning.

By Order of the COMMITTEE.

Hongkong, April 11, 1916.

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Hongkong, Dec. 2, 1915.

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27TH GYMNASIA MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

Saturday's attendance, says the "N.C. Daily News," as Kiangwan for the International Club's races was probably a record. Despite the dull day and a continual promise of rain the stands were crowded, the public stand seeming to be packed to its utmost. The going was in fair condition—rather soft on top but not sufficient to make it a good day for mudlarks.

1.—THE EASTERN FLATWATER PLATE.—For all-China ponies. Five furlongs.

Mr. Leaf's bay, Neptune, Mr. F. R. Vids.

Mr. Yangtze's dun, Cardington.

Mr. T. L. Hu.

Mr. John Johnston's chest, The Nipper.

Mr. J. Johnston.

Also ran—Automaton (H. E. Morris).

Homefield (H. E. Morris), Spring Bird, late And Beekie (J. Lion), Forrest (A. J. P. Heard), Unknown (W. Hill), The Balder (S. Nagai).

Won by four lengths; three dividing second and third. Time, 1min 17 2/5sec.

2.—THE CHAZER CUP.—For all China ponies that have never been raced previous to January 1, 1916.—One mile.

Mr. Three Stars' bay, Anticipation, Mr. Heard.

Mr. E. R. Vids.

Mr. John Johnston's chest, Sim-ple Simon, Mr. J. Johnston.

Also ran—Professor (T. U. Yih), Fuji (W. Hill), Galloway (J. Lion), Westland (F. R. Vids), Boabon (S. P. Ma), Magnetism (H. F. Hu), Recommendation (T. L. Hu).

Won by two lengths, many separating second and third. Time—2min. 11sec.

3.—THE YANTZEE STAKES.—For all China ponies.—One and a quarter miles.

Mr. Henry Morris' bay, Beaconfield, Mr. H. E. Morris.

Mr. Perchang's grey, Paulism.

Mr. F. R. Vids.

Mr. J. Johnston's grey, Brussels, Mr. W. Hill.

Also ran—Faith, late Baptism (C. T. Chu), Fairplay (V. F. Rangell).

Won by two lengths, many between second and third. Time—2min. 47 4/5sec.

4.—THE EASTERN MAIDEN STEEPCHASE.—For all China ponies that have never won a steepchase.—Two miles.

Mr. Ezra's white, Perhaps, Mr. I. Ezra.

Mr. H. W. Kent's grey, Larrikin (late Auction), Mr. Heard.

Mr. John Johnston's roan, Formosa, Mr. J. Johnston.

Also ran—Cavalryfield (H. E. Morris).

Won by two lengths.

5.—THE EASTERN CRITERION STAKES.—For all-China ponies.—One mile.

Mr. Z. L. Li's grey, Triumph, Mr. J. Lion.

Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's brown, Swanee, Mr. A. J. P. Heard.

Mr. Henry Morris' dun, Home-field, Mr. J. Johnston.

Mr. Yangtze's dun, Cardington.

Mr. J. Lion.

Also ran—Faith, late Baptism (C. T. Chu), Fairplay (V. F. Rangell), Forrest (J. I. Ezra), Otowa (S. Nagai).

Won by many lengths, four lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 43sec.

6.—THE EASTERN STAKES.—For China ponies that have started at this meeting and not won a race.—Seven furlongs.

Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's brown, Swanee, Mr. A. J. P. Heard.

Mr. Henry Morris' dun, Home-field, Mr. J. Johnston.

Mr. Yangtze's dun, Cardington.

Mr. J. Lion.

Also ran—Faith, late Baptism (C. T. Chu), Fairplay (V. F. Rangell), Forrest (J. I. Ezra), Otowa (S. Nagai).

Won by many lengths, four lengths between second and third. Time—1min. 43sec.

7.—THE EASTERN STAKES.—For China ponies that have started at this meeting and not won a race.—Seven furlongs.

Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's brown, Swanee, Mr. A. J. P. Heard.

Mr. Henry Morris' dun, Home-field, Mr. J. Johnston.

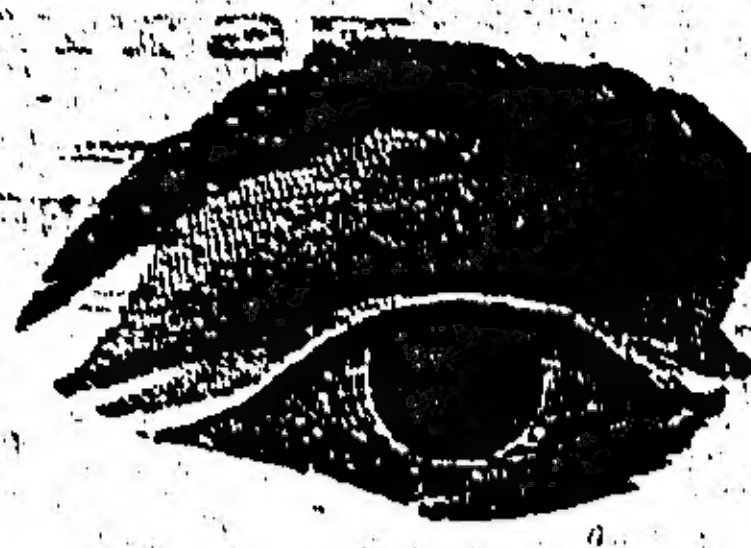
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THE DIARY.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S. "Taishan."

MEMOS. FOR TO-DAY.

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Railway Material, Saddlery, Furniture, etc., at Godown 107, Praya East.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Sewing Machine, Grand Piano, etc., at No. 5, Hart Avenue, Kowloon.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, May 2 & WEDNESDAY, 3:—

10 a.m.—Auction of Coal, Lighters, Steam Launch, Steam Cutter, Stores, etc., at H. M. Naval Yard, H.K., and Kowloon Depot.

WEDNESDAY, May 3:—

Noon—Entries close for Dog and Cat Show on 13th inst.

Noon—Canton Insee. Co's. Meetings.

THURSDAY, May 4:—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Craigmin East," No. 160, The Peak.

FRIDAY, May 5:—

Noon—China Traders Insee. Co's. Extraordinary Meeting.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Pianos etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SATURDAY, May 6:—

H. M. the King's Accession, 1910.

TUESDAY, May 9:—

H. M. the King's Proclamation Day.

SATURDAY, May 13:—

Dog and Cat Show at Grand Stand, Race Course, Happy Valley.

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Chinese person resident in the Colony. The details of the Bill are open to some criticism. We can understand why members of His Majesty's forces, members of the Colonial forces—Volunteers and Police—and civilians in the permanent employment of the Colonial Government or of the Naval or the Military authorities, should be excepted from the provisions of the Bill.—their names are officially on record already—but it is not so obvious why the wives and daughters of persons included in any of the classes specified above should also be excepted. There is no official record in the Colony of wives and daughters and there seems no valid reason, if such a bill is needed at all, why an official record should not be kept of all wives and daughters, and not merely of a few of them.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The dollar to-day, is 2s. 2½d.

Last night some person opened the safe of Messrs. Clarke and Co's. shop in Chater Road by means of a duplicate key, and stole \$200.

We hear that the Shropshires (K. S. L. I.) have challenged the Volunteer Reserves to a rifle shooting match—ten men to shoot and eight to count.

A passenger on board the S.S. "Tuning" on a trip from Manila to Hongkong had his suit, case opened on the voyage and various articles were stolen amounting in value to \$67.50.

H.E. The Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. J. D. Lloyd to act as Superintendent of Imports and Exports during the absence on leave of Mr. R. O. Hutchison or until further notice, with effect from the 19th April, 1916.

Entries for the Dog and Cat Show have been coming in well, but the organizers expect many more and would feel obliged if intending exhibitors would send in their entries at once instead of waiting till the last moment.

Early May and daughters left to-day, by the "Montague" for Japan. The ship took away a large number of residents of the Colony, including Mrs. Copley Moyle, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Leask, Mr. G. E. Stewart and Miss Willington, who are going home.

Mr. B. T. B. Boothby, of the Canton-Hankow railway, and Mrs. Boothby, with their children have left for Home via Siberia. Mr. Boothby is going to offer his services with the Army. He carries with him the warm wishes of many friends in Hongkong and Canton as well as in Shanghai and Hankow.

The U.S. Transport "Merrill," which drifted on top of the wreck of the "Gulrie," Taku Bar, on Monday April 17, during a gale, was taken to Tongkoo on 18th for repairs. No fail as can be ascertained her injuries are limited to a hole, 18 by 12 inches, near the water-line, and a few strained plates. She sailed on the 19th for Dalny where she goes into dry dock if necessary.

HONGKONG WEDDING.

BIDEN—ANDERTON.

At St. John's Cathedral this morning Mr. F. Alan Biden, of the Public Works Department and a Sergeant-Major in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, (Left Section Machine Gun Co.) was married to Miss Marie Anderton, who has been engaged in the nursing profession, at the Peak Hospital.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. V. Copley Moyle, in the presence of a fairly large gathering which included Hon. Mr. Claud Severn (Colonial Secretary), Capt. W. Armstrong H.K.V.C., commanding the Left Section Machine Gun Co., Lieut. Parker Rees and the members of the Left Section.

The bridegroom wore the uniform of a Company Sergeant-Major. As the happy pair left the cathedral they walked beneath an archway of bayonets.

A reception was held at the residences of Lieut. and Mrs. Kennett, 14 Kensington Terrace.

The honeymoon is to be spent in Australia.

CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Douglas 134 ½
Indos (def.) 119 ¾
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Gems 97 ½

THE MAGISTRACY.

FINES FOR OPIUM.

At the Magistracy this morning several fines were imposed upon Chinese for being in illicit possession of opium. One defendant who was found on the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co's. Wharf with 45 tins of prepared opium valued at \$300, was fined \$5,000.

Three other men charged with attempting to export two tins of opium each, valued at \$23, were each fined \$230. They were arrested on the Douglas wharf.

For being in possession of five mace of opium two Chinese were ordered to pay fines of \$25.

INTO THE LION'S MOUTH.

A Chinese who stole a brass urn in Tung Street and ran away, fell into the arms of Inspector Brazil who was on patrol. Defendant was charged with larceny and it was proved that he had two previous convictions for stealing. Defendant was sent to prison for three months.

THE MILITARY CROSS.

AWARDED GALLANT HONGKONG SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Sanitary Inspector, Millington, of Hongkong, who went home with the last batch of Hongkong Police, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery in the field. The information comes to hand in a letter received from Mr. H. E. Victor, who states that Millington deserved the award, and that he has been wounded by shrapnel—Details of the incident which led to the presentation of the award are not given, but the award is proof in itself that Millington rendered good service to his country.

Millington was formerly also a warder in Victoria Gaol and had once been a soldier. He left Hongkong on November 8th, was drafted to the front in February last and appears to have been in some of the heaviest fighting.

Millington, we believe, is the second Hongkong man to receive the distinction, the first being Mr. R. G. Munro of the London Irish Rifles T.F., formerly with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. Mr. Munro received the award for "conspicuous gallantry and ability at the Quarries, near Vermelles, on December 16, 1915."

AN EX-INDIAN POLICEMAN DECORATED.

News is also received from Indian sources that a former Indian police constable in Hongkong, named Alla Bakha Khan, has been presented with the Indian Order of Merit, second class. Khan joined the Police in 1896 and resigned after eleven months and entered the army. In the War in Europe he was in the 32nd Division Signalling Corps Grenadiers, and has done exceedingly good work in the trenches of Belgium and France.

HOW THE GERMANS HIDE THEIR LOSSES.

AMSTERDAM, March 21.—A Belgian living at Seraing has furnished a newspaper correspondent with details regarding the cremation of German bodies in the blast furnaces. He witnessed the incineration of many corpses unknown to the Germans, who compel the inhabitants to shut themselves in their houses at nightfall and forbid them to have lights.

The bodies are conveyed to the furnaces in long goods trains and are sorted in bundles of four, fastened together with iron wire. The corpses are stripped of all clothing, the cloth, metal buttons and boots being too precious to lose. The bodies are then thrown in the furnaces without ceremony. At least 800 are consumed each night.

The Germans adopt this system for hygienic reasons and in order to get rid of the bodies of those whose names do not appear on the lists of dead and who are classed under the heading "Disappeared." They thus endeavor to hide the gravity of the losses suffered.—Daily Telegraph.

220,000-A YEAR MUNITION WORKER.

Mr. G. N. Barnes, M.P., has just related that on the occasion of a recent visit to munition factories in Scotland a woman worker was pointed out to him who was said to have an income of about £20,000 a year.

"There she was," said Mr. Barnes, "standing alongside a machine ten or twelve hours a day, while others who were making shells were daughters of milk-maids."

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SPORTING.

PEAK SCHOOL SPORTS.

A HAPPY AFTERNOON AT "TANDERAGEE."

Quite a gay time was spent at the residence of the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn at "Tanderagee" yesterday afternoon, when the children attending the Peak School held their second annual sports programme. The youngsters thoroughly enjoyed it and the events were contested with great zest and not a little amusement to the moderate attendance of spectators.

Mrs. McI. Messer presented the prizes at the close.

Mr. E. RALPHS, Inspector of English Schools, expressed a cordial vote of thanks to the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn for enabling them all to spend such a pleasant afternoon and cheers were given in support of the motion.

The Hon. Mr. CLAUD SEVERN responding thanked Mrs. Messer for distributing the awards and the ladies and gentlemen who had subscribed prizes. The hon. gentleman included in his vote Mrs. Main (Headmistress), Miss Skinner, Miss Rodger, Mr. Ralphs and Messrs. Kay and Foster and Sergeant Cooper for their kind assistance. Concluding he said he hoped that they would meet on the occasion of the next programme, in happier times. He asked them all to join with him in singing the National Anthem.

Those who contributed to the prize fund were Mrs. Bonnar, Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Churchill, Mr. A. G. Coppin, Mrs. Dealy, Mr. Dunbar, Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. F. Graham, Mr. A. W. Grant, Mrs. W. G. Humphreys, Mr. O. J. Ellis, Mrs. W. M. Humphreys, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Messer, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ralphs, Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. J. A. Young and Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

The events were as follows:—

Long jump, 8 to 13 years.—1. E. Stubbs; 2. W. Dunbar.

Long jump, 6 to 8 years.—1. C. Bonnar; 2. S. Tisdall.

Long jump, 3½ to 6 years.—1. R. Armstrong; 2. A. Pearce.

100 Yards flat race.—1. A. Miller; 2. J. Churchill.

80 yards flat race.—1. R. Humphreys; 2. J. Miller.

50 yards flat race.—1. A. Pearce; 2. R. Armstrong.

High jump, "A" class.—1. E. Stubbs; 2. M. Blackman; 3. R. Dunbar.

High jump, "B" class.—1. J. Miller; 2. R. Humphreys.

High jump, "C" class.—1. A. Messer; 2. V. Martin.

Potato race, "A" class.—1. T. Churchill; 2. B. Dunbar.

Potato race, "B" class.—1. B. Humphreys; 2. E. Bonnar.

Potato race, "C" class.—1. B. Churchill; 2. R. Armstrong.

Three-legged race, "A" class.—1. J. Churchill and C. Bonnar; 2. V. Butterfield and J. Messer.

Three-legged race, "B" class.—1. E. Bonnar and B. Humphreys.

Shipping, "A" class.—1. A. Miller; 2. V. Butterfield.

Shipping, "B" class.—1. S. Tisdall; 2. C. Blackman.

French skipping.—1. E. Stubbs.

Tug-of-war.—Won by A. Miller, V. Butterfield, J. Churchill, W. Dunbar, J. Miller, D. Ellis, E. Bonnar, and B. Humphreys.

Handicap race, open to all Peak boys under 10 years.—1. "Buster" Churchill; 2. Claud Blackman.

Handicap race, open to all Peak girls under 10 years.—1. M. Blackman; 2. E. Bonnar.

Veterans' race.—1. Hon. Mr. Claud Severn; 2. Mr. W. Kay.

The Challenge Cups were won by Jim Bonnar, in "A" class, and Jack Miller, in "B" class.

OFFICIAL NIGHT.

The following Table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of May, 1916:—

Date.	Ends.	Begin.
May 1st.	5.40 a.m.	7.00 p.m.
" 2nd.	5.40	7.00
" 3rd.	5.38	7.02
" 4th.	5.38	7.02
" 5th.	5.38	7.02
" 6th.	5.37	7.02
" 7th.	5.38	7.02
" 8th.	5.38	7.02
" 9th.	5.38	7.02
" 10th.	5.38	7.02
" 11th.	5.34	7.04
" 12th.	5.34	7.04
" 13th.	5.33	7.06
" 14th.	5.33	7.06
" 15th.	5.33	7.06
" 16th.	5.33	7.06
" 17th.	5.31	7.07
" 18th.	5.31	7.07
" 19th.	5.30	7.08
" 20th.	5.30	7.08
" 21st.	5.30	7.08
" 22nd.	5.29	7.09
" 23rd.	5.29	7.10
" 24th.	5.29	7.11
" 25th.	5.29	7.11
" 26th.	5.29	7.11
" 27th.	5.28	7.12
" 28th.	5.28	7.12
" 29th.	5.27	7.13
" 30th.	5.27	7.13
" 31st.	5.27	7.13

POWELL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels, and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any natural looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

KILLING THE WOUNDED.

GERMAN ATROCITIES.

OUTRAGES ON WOMEN AND GIRLS.

Professor J. H. Morgan, who was sent to France by the Home Office to investigate the alleged breaches of the laws of war by German troops, has just issued a book entitled "German Atrocities" (Mowbray, London, publishers), in which he gives a good many facts that until now have been unpublished. His book indeed is a kind of postscript to the Bryce Report, which, when put before the world, made people shudder to think a race, nominally known as civilised, could have been guilty of such horrors.

Much of the evidence now revealed by Professor Morgan relates to outrages on civilians, but much more deals with outrages on British soldiers.

THE TRACERY OF THE RIFLE.

The breaches of the laws of war in the field include misuse of the white flag, firing upon stretcher-bearers, the killing of wounded, and the massacre of prisoners. Fifty-six depositions and statements by British soldiers are concerned mainly with outrages in one or other of these categories. A private of the Royal Scots tells how at Ypres a dozen Germans in a captured trench having surrendered, the British turned their attention to firing at the enemy who were retreating. "One of the officers of our regiment," he says, "was at the side of the trench, and had picked up a rifle to fire at the retreating Germans. I saw one of the Germans who had surrendered—I think he was an officer—raise his revolver (we had no time to disarm them) and shoot at our officer, who dropped. Another man and I then shot one German." A private in the 1st Wiltshire describes how on the Aisne the Germans came out of a wood with a white flag, Captain R—, whose company was in the trenches, gave the order to cease fire and went forward alone towards the Germans. "The German officer then shot Captain R— with his revolver, and the rest of the Germans opened a heavy fire. Number — Company replied, and drove the Germans back." The same soldier tells how at La Bassée the British, having been driven out of the trenches, where, with a mixed lot from various regiments, they began firing from the windows. "From the upstairs we saw the Germans bayoneting those of our wounded who had been left in the trenches or placed under cover by us, eleven, behind them, or had crawled along."

Knocked on the head. The malignant frenzy against British troops finds expression in these words in the diary of a German soldier killed at Neuveville:—

Here also things occur which should not be. Great atrocities are, of course, committed upon Englishmen and Belgians: every one of them is knocked on the head without mercy. But worse to the poor German who falls into their hands. Outrages upon the honour of women by German soldiers have been so frequent that it is impossible to escape the conviction that they have been condoned, and, indeed, encouraged, by German officers. This is another finding of the author, as the result of a minute study of the German occupation of Baillou, which a regiment of German Hussars held for eight days.

There were at least 30 proved cases of outrages on girls and young married women, but the leading physician of the town put the number at probably 60.

At least five officers were guilty of such offences, and the circumstances were often of a peculiarly revolting character.

MANHOURS OF PRISONERS. In this volume will be found irresistible evidence of the killing of wounded and of prisoners by Germans. Probably the worst case recorded is that reported by a sergeant of the 8th Highlanders, who, on September 25, last, took part in the attack on Haisnes. He states that having been ordered, about 5 p.m., to collect stragglers from Pélissier trench he found about 20 wounded men of various regiments, all Scottish. Leaving these men sitting down he went about 100 yards further and found another 20 men, most of whom were wounded. He took these back to where the others had been left, and as the Germans had cut the party off from their own troops it was decided for the sake of the wounded men to surrender. They were taken in charge by a large party of Germans and led into a circular traverse in Pélissier trench. Here they were directed by an English speaking German to "pack in there and stay."

What happened afterwards is thus described:—

All the Germans then went out of sight. The wounded men sat on the ground, and the unwounded remained standing. It was now about 5.30 p.m. After we had been there about two minutes a bomb was thrown into the traverse where we were, one bomb from one side and one from the other. I shouted to the men to clear out if possible. Only one man and myself jumped over the parapet. I seized an English rifle lying on the parapet and fired down the trench. I then jumped into a shell hole about fifteen yards from the traverse. It was almost full of water, in which I stood up to my neck. The other man was shot. I heard the Germans bombing this circular traverse continuously for about fifteen minutes. At first the men I left were crying out after about ten minutes this ceased. I was over an hour in the shell hole, and left it after dark.

The sergeant related the company and

reported his experiences to a subaltern and to his captain, who deposes that he was very exhausted and covered with mud and water up to the neck.

NOTHING'S TERRIBLE STORY. Here are some extracts from depositions taken from soldiers—testimony which Professor Morgan has taken considerable pains to corroborate:—

Two of us entered an entrenchment (as Nieppel) and found the landlady crying. She told us that about thirteen Germans had violated her daughter, and shot her husband against a wall in front of her eyes.

A Belgian farmer told me that a German officer threatened him with a revolver because he tried to protect his daughter, and the officer forced the girl to sleep with him for four nights.

We went to a farm to fill our water bottles and a woman told us that her two daughters had been outraged the previous night by twelve or fourteen Germans. The woman was not excited, but greatly distressed, and the two girls (one child sixteen and the other about nineteen) were still more distressed; they were in a pitiful plight.

COMPANY REPORT.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

The 34th annual report of the Board of Directors says:—

The Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year 1915, is now presented.

Trade in both North and South China during the year opened under normal conditions, but as the year progressed general improvement set in, due in a large measure to an exceptional shortage of suitable coast-tonnage, and during the Autumn months freights were on a higher scale than had been seen for many years. As a result the net earnings of the steamers, after providing for depreciation and all liabilities and outgoings, including Interim Dividend paid last September, and taking into account the sum of £7,234-14-5, brought forward from last year, amounts to £101,436-10-6, which compares most favourably with earnings during past years. Out of this balance it is proposed to pay a final Dividend of 3 per cent. on the preferred and deferred shares which will amount to £14,876-14-5, also a Bonus of 10/- per share to deferred shareholders, absorbing £24,734-10-0, to place to General Reserve £33,000-0-0, to increase Underwriting Account by £12,770-12-6, leaving the sum of £12,904-14-5 to be carried forward to next year's account. From the Dividend on preferred shares income tax will be deducted, but not from the Dividend on deferred shares on the Hongkong Register. The Dividend on shares on the Hongkong Register will be paid at the rate of 1/11 per dollar.

A contract has been entered into with the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., on favourable terms for the construction of two coasting vessels of suitable type, and it is hoped that delivery will be obtained by the end of this year at latest.

The retiring Directors are the Hon. Mr. David Landale and Mr. H. P. White, the latter is eligible and offers himself for re-election. In place of the Hon. Mr. David Landale, the Senior Representative of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., will be proposed for election.

Messrs. Turquand Youngs & Co. have audited a portion of the Accounts as enumerated in the Auditors' Report, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Mathews completing the audit. The latter were appointed by the Board and such appointment requires confirmation. The said auditors now retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

THE POLITICAL CHANGE AT PEKING.

THE PRESIDENT'S MANDATE.

President Yuan Shih-kai in a mandate issued on April 22nd authorising the Secretary of State to assume control of the affairs of State and to organize a responsible Cabinet, said that he assumed full control of the Administration because of the necessity of attending promptly to the multitudinous affairs of state.

"It continues:—'During two years I have laboured with the utmost ability but the success achieved has been insignificant. Examining the root of the failure I find it has been due to the absence of a Cabinet and the consequent lack of direct responsibility. The fact that I have merely assumed the appearance of unlimited control of all the powers of state has been the cause for dissatisfaction among the people.'

"In these circumstances I have decided to effect drastic changes with a view to energetic and thorough reform. In accordance with Article 21 of the Constitution the Mandate for the organization of a responsible Government is hereby promulgated. The Secretary of State is hereby authorized to take full control of affairs of State and to organize a Government with Ministers mutually responsible to and for one another. This is intended as a step towards the formation of a responsible Government and the beginning of administrative reform."

"I hope the members of the Government organized under this Mandate will work unitedly and faithfully to remedy the difficulties of the day."

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Routledge Service to the China Mail)

THE BRITISH FRONT.

EXTRAORDINARY ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ATTACKS AT MANY POINTS.

LONDON, April 29. The text of the latest British communiqué is as follows:—

The Bedfordshires last night made a most successful raid near Carnoy. They rushed the trenches and drove the Germans remaining, after fierce close fighting, into their dugouts, where they bombed them. Our casualties were eight wounded, and all were brought in. The German loss was considerable.

The enemy last night heavily bombarded our trenches east of Arras, and entered trenches south of Pouligny, at nightfall, in the evening, but a counter-attack immediately ejected the enemy.

Last night after a heavy bombardment, followed by the explosion of a mine, they attacked the trenches at Hill 60, but were repulsed.

Simultaneously the enemy gained a footing in the silted north of Hill 60, but bombers ejected them.

Our trenches west of Zillebeke and northeast of Hill 60, and a battery near by were heavily shelled between 8 p.m. and midnight.

An attack at St. Eloi was repulsed. The enemy last night gained a footing in a crater in the Hohenzollern sector, but was immediately driven out.

During the night the enemy started mines south-east of Souchez, north-east of Double Crussier, north-east of Vermelles, and west of Hulluch.

We sprung a mine in the Hulluch sector.

The enemy at 5 o'clock this morning discharged gas from trenches south of Hulluch and simultaneously put an artillery curtain over our lines north of Loos.

A second gas cloud was released at 7.30 this morning about the same place, and after heavy artillery bombardment the enemy gained a footing in our front and support lines E.N.E. of Loos. A counter-attack by Irish troops within half-an-hour ejected the enemy, who left many dead.

The enemy advanced from their trenches south of Hulluch but this attack was enfiladed by machine-guns. Many corpses were left in front of the trenches. A few Germans who reached our lines were driven out.

Hostile artillery was most active throughout the day at various points.

FEATS IN THE AIR.

There was much aerial activity. Yesterday, there were nineteen combats in the air.

The machine reported yesterday as having been killed in our lines was a two-seater. It was attacked by a single-seater at a great height. The enemy pilot was shot through the heart and the observer through the body.

The machine crashed to earth with the engine full on, from a height of 14,000 feet.

One of our reconnoissances was attacked by eight hostile aeroplanes. All were driven off and one was brought down. Our reconnoissance was completed and the machines returned safely. Two were damaged.

ENEMY STILL BOMBARDING AT YERDUN.

PARIS, April 28. A communiqué states that on the left bank of the Meuse there has been intense artillery activity in the regions of Avocourt, Enes and Camerues.

The enemy on the right bank made two feints, the attack being accompanied by violent bombardments, but our artillery prevented the Germans leaving their trenches.

The day was comparatively quiet on the rest of the front.

AIRSHIP ACTIVITY.

A German aeroplane was brought down by gunfire in front of Vaux fort.

Three French airships on Wednesday night plentifully bombed the stations of Etain and Bessard, and the railway at Amaville.

Aeroplanes the same night dropped twenty-eight bombs on a number of German stations and bivouacs.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP SUNK.

STRIKES A MINE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

124 MEN MISSING.

LONDON, April 28. It is officially announced that the battleship *Russell* has been sunk in the Mediterranean.

The *Russell* was one of the oldest battleships afloat. She was commanded by Captain William Bowden Smith and was the flagship of Rear-Admiral Fremantle.

Both these officers were saved. Twenty-four officers and 676 men were saved. About 124 are missing.

[The *Russell* was one of the five ships in what is known as the *Duncan* class—viz., *Albatross*, *Conestoga*, *Duncan*, *Erasmus*, and *Russell*. These ships were completed in 1903. Their tonnage is 11,000 and speed 19 knots. The armament of these ships is given in the reference books as follows: 12-in four; 6-in twelve; 12-in, twelve; 3-in, six; 18-in, two; torpedo tubes, four.]

GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK.

ENCOUNTERED OFF THE EAST COAST.

LONDON, April 28. It is officially announced that a German submarine has been sunk off the East Coast and that one officer and 17 men have been made prisoners.

Commenting on the issue of Russian treasury bills to the value of 50,000,000 yen, the city editor of the London *Morning Post* says: "The operation furnishes further evidence, if it were needed, of the extent to which the Japanese position of Japan has improved during the last few years. In fact, while the position of many of the neutral countries has improved since the beginning of the war Japan is the only belligerent country which, so far from adding to her actual diminished resources, has actually increased them."

This will be seen from the following short table, which gives the debt of Japan at the outbreak of war and at the present time:

National Debt of Japan at the outbreak of the War.

Yen.
Internal.....1,044,000,000
Foreign.....1,485,354,000
Sterling Treasury Notes.....30,052,000
and Bills.....
Outstanding at present.

Yen.
Internal.....1,021,447,000
Foreign.....1,470,000,000
Sterling Treasury Bills.....7,861,000

With regard to the Sterling Treasury Notes and Bills for £1,000,000 referred to, it will be noted that £1,000,000 was repaid in February of 1915, the balance of £3,000,000 being renewed. The latter sum is being repaid by the proceeds of an internal loan, and the outstanding amount is now only £315,000, which will disappear altogether through cancellations on the 15th inst. and the 30th March. Notwithstanding the addition to the total amount of internal debt by the £3,000,000 of the above mentioned internal issue, to redeem the sterling Treasury Bills, the application of the Sinking Fund in the domestic market has resulted in a net reduction of £2,317,000 in the total amount of the internal debt since the war started. As regards the foreign debt, the net reduction is £1,500,000, but a further considerable reduction is expected through the Sinking Fund operation before the financial year closes on the 31st March. As to the Bonds du Trésor, 1913, a great deal has been bought from the French holders—some by the Japanese investors, altogether amounting to 50,000,000 francs. The Japanese government is expected to issue a further internal loan for the purpose of redeeming these bonds up to the amount of 100,000,000 francs. When this operation will have been carried out, the total amount of foreign debt will have been still further reduced in addition to the result of the further application of the Sinking Fund above mentioned.

While a good deal of the improvement in the economic position of Japan just referred to may be attributed to special war purchases of the last eighteen months, there has been a steady improvement going on in trade conditions for the past three years, and the position in this respect can be seen at a glance from the following table:

1913 Yen.
Imports.....729,431,000
Exports.....632,460,000
Excess of Imports.....96,971,000

1914 Yen.
Imports.....595,738,000
Exports.....601,101,000
Excess of Imports.....65,363,000

1915 Yen.
Imports.....532,000,000
Exports.....760,000,000
Excess of Exports.....228,000,000

These figures which speak for themselves, and explain the advance which has taken place in Japanese Bonds during the last few months.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

PIERCE FIGHTING ON BRITISH FRONT.

SEVEN ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED.

LONDON, April 28. Fierce fighting on the British Front is described by General Sir Douglas Haig in a communiqué, which besides reporting a successful British raid on German trenches at Carnoy, in which the Germans lost heavily, mentions seven German attacks, on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Two attacks in the morning were preceded by gas-clouds and heavy bombardments. All the attacks were repulsed, with severe losses to the enemy. The Germans gained a footing in our trenches at four points, but counter-attacks promptly ejected them.

GERMAN LOSSES AT YERDUN.

LONDON, April 27. French estimates place the German losses before Verdun at 280,000 at least.

ACTIVITY ON RUSSIAN FRONT.

PETROGRAD, April 27. A communiqué says:—The enemy has been bombarding the Ikskut Bridgehead for weeks past.

There has been continued aircraft activity in the region of Dvinsk. A giant Russian aeroplane dropped bombs behind the German lines, causing fires. German attempts at an offensive near Baranovitch were repulsed, and the Russians had the best of a sharp struggle for a village on the Rovno-Kovel Railway.

The Russians dislodged the Turks from a chain of positions in the mountains south of Bitlis.

THE NAVAL ACTION.

ENEMY'S POOR GUNNERY.

RAIDERS HIT REPEATEDLY.

LONDON, April 27. Residents of Lowestoft and Yarmouth were much impressed by the wretched gunnery of the Germans. They were awakened by the sound of the guns, and in broad daylight saw five cruisers steaming broadside on ten miles out, firing broadsides. Each ship fired at least ten rounds, and there were altogether 100 shells, including some 12-inches. Many went completely over the town. The inhabitants sought the most available shelter, many going into the dug-outs in their gardens. When the bombardment ceased they flocked to the cliffs, and saw the Germans fleeing, pursued by a British squadron, which, firing incessantly at close range, hit the Germans repeatedly. One German monster, staggered, and flame spouted from the funnel of another. The sea so churned up by the swiftly-moving ships and the exploding shells that it looked like a lake of foam.

Suddenly a seaplane was observed from the northward. Whatever its message was, the Germans turned, and went full-speed east and north, with British destroyers, hanging on their heels, worrying them.

MORE MERCHANTMEN SUNK.

LONDON, April 27. The Norwegian steamer *Strimsvand* has been sunk. The crew were landed. The Dutch steamers *Dubbe* and *Alm* have been damaged.

The Norwegian barque *Carmania* was sunk on the 25th inst. by a German submarine off the west coast of Ireland. The Captain and nine of the crew landed in a boat.

A Dutch tug and a Norwegian barque have been sunk.

AUSTRIAN INDIGNITY TO RUMANIA.

MILITARY ATTACHE ARRESTED.

BUKHAREST, April 27. The Austrians at Brasov arrested the Rumanian Military Attaché to Berlin and seized the documents he was conveying to Bukharest. He was eventually released, but the documents were retained, and were only returned when Rumania sent a note to Austria.

THE SITUATION IN IRELAND.

LONDON, April 27. Mr. Asquith, adding to his statement in the House of Commons, said that the Government, after careful investigation, were satisfied that the force despatched to Ireland was adequate to deal with the situation. The Government were doing their utmost to restore order and stamp out the rebellion, and fully recognised, and intended to discharge, their obligation, and were making searching investigation into the causes and the responsibility.

Sir Edward Carson and Mr. John Redmond had made quite clear the true amount of support behind the outbreak. The world knew that the movement had no sympathy in responsible quarters in Ireland or anywhere in the Empire. (Loud cheers.)

AUSTRALIAN IRISHMEN'S ABHORRENCE.

MELBOURNE, April 27. The United Irish League has called Mr. Redmond—"Irishmen in Victoria view with abhorrence the meaningless rebellion in Dublin."

THE MILITARY BILL.

SUBJECTED TO STRONG CRITICISM AND POSTPONED.

LONDON, April 27. In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long introduced the Military Service Bill, carrying out the Government's recruiting policy, yesterday. He admitted that it was distasteful to ask time-expired men—the very salt of the Army—to serve again, but they would get special consideration in the way of promotion and bounties. He said that youths of 18 would get a month of grace before being called up. A new Home Defence Training Reserve had been created, to enable men still to earn their living till they were immediately required. The Army Council considered power to transfer Territorials to other units essential.

Nearly every quarter of the House strongly criticised the Bill, particularly the extension of service of time-expired men. Members urged the Government to drop such minor proposals, and proceed with the general scheme.

Mr. Ellis Griffith advised that the Bill be withdrawn and general compulsion introduced.

Mr. Asquith replied that he could not give a decision on the spur of the moment.

Sir Edward Carson forcibly criticised the Bill characterising its provisions as unfair compulsion. He considered the position of time-expired men intolerable. (Cheers.) He demanded that the Government introduce a General Compulsion Bill, otherwise they would not receive much support from him and his supporters. (Cheers.)

Referring to numerous objections concerning details, Mr. Asquith has postponed the introduction of the Military Service Bill. Meanwhile he will consult his colleagues, and will announce the decision on Tuesday.

MORE GROUPS CALLED UP.

LONDON, April 27. A Proclamation calls up the Groups to No. 41.

DOUBLE TAXATION OF TEA.

LONDON, April 27. In the House of Commons Sir J. D. Rees raised the question of the double taxation of tea exported from Travancore.

Mr. Chamberlain—I have no information, but I will enquire.

THE HOPES OF GREECE.

ACCORDING TO M. VENIZELIS.

The *Makedonia* last month published the following interview with M. Venizelos:

"During the painful time through which our country is passing owing to the European configuration, the sole guarantee of security for Greece, Macedonia consists in the maintenance of Anglo-French troops in that province. If they were to evacuate it, of their own will or by force, Macedonia would be lost to Greece, for Bulgaria, who has wrested an immense stretch of territory from Serbia, and whose morale is strengthened by the successes she has achieved, would not wait long to attack Greece in order to drive us back to our original frontiers."

This would result in a terrible butchery and the last resort of Hellenism would be destroyed, for no faith must be placed in the Bulgarians' promises to respect the integrity of Greek territory.

"They had promised us, semi-officially, Doiran, Monastir and Guevgueli, and they are systematically expelling Greeks from these regions, which fact is scarcely to be taken as a sign of a cessation of those persecutions and exactions."

"These persecutions and exactions continue with the tacit complicity of Germany. The consuls are expelled, the Greek flag is insulted and our compatriots are deported to suit the whim of the Bulgarian authorities; and that at the very moment when our neighbours should adopt a policy of consideration toward us."

"What would happen when the Bulgarians saw Greece alone before them? It is very simple. Being in superior numbers they would succeed in realizing their dream of hegemony. It is for these reasons, and for still others, that the Greek people, and particularly the Greeks of Macedonia should, in my opinion, aid and facilitate the installation of the Anglo-French in Macedonia and collaborate with them in the great work undertaken by the Entente in its struggle for civilization against barbarism."

"My conviction, as I have often declared, is that the Allies will come out the victors in the gigantic struggle, and even if the rest of Europe were exterminated, England, of all the belligerent nations, would have the last word to utter."

"I have never doubted the victory of the Allies," Mr. Venizelos concluded, "and that which affects me most deeply is to see Greece withhold her collaboration from the nations, which are the bulwark of civilization."

The foregoing statements by the former Premier were extensively and favorably commented upon at Salonika.

NO ENEMY TRADING IN TOGOLAND.

It has been decided, on the grounds of military necessity, says a notice issued by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to deport all European traders of enemy nationality still resident in Togoland, and to liquidate all German businesses hitherto permitted to continue trading there.

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COMMERCIAL.

THE FREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs. Snowman & Co. of Hongkong in their freight circular dated 29th April state:—

We last reported on the 15th inst., and as ever, our expected character of business has practically come to a standstill in consequence of the political uncertainty as to the outcome. This is reflected in the decline of the Saigon-Hongkong rate which dropped from \$1.00 to 75 cents per picul, accepted at the beginning of the fortnight, whereas only last week nothing better than 60 cents for a prompt steamer could be obtained. These are the only two fixtures that have been effected in this direction during the interval under review. The position has, however, since changed more favourably during the last few days. The Governor of Canton having instructed the patrol gunboats to render all protection to cargo boats, merchants are not so fearful now of practical attacks for the time being, and a number of junks with Rice and Coal, which had been held up, have now resumed business with Canton and the interior, thus easing the congestion, which was very much felt by local importers. Buyers have under these circumstances been encouraged, and local stocks being worked off gradually has, in turn, created a slight demand for tonnage, resulting in the fixtures of two medium sized vessels at 70/3 cent per picul for second week of May loading. How long and to what extent demand will last, will, of course, depend entirely upon the further development of the political crisis.

Rice exports from 1st of January to 15th of March amount to 1,432,323 tons as compared with 1,300,000 tons during the same period last year. Quotation for No. 2 white round sited rice stands at \$4.00 per picul of 134 lbs. gross f.o.b. Saigon.

Steamers still fill charterers' needs. "Bangkok"—Since reporting a fortnight ago this rate has also dropped from \$1.20 and is now quoted at \$1.00/3 cent per picul for loading inside and outside the bar respectively. When business becomes normal again the rate will undoubtedly improve.

Newchwang/Canton—Nothing has been done in this direction and cannot be expected until affairs in and around Canton moderate somewhat.

Coal Freight—have also eased in the interval and the following fixtures are reported, viz.—Wakananzu/Swallow \$2.50, Port Courbet/Swallow \$1.00, Hongkong/Hongkong \$6.50, Haiphong/Canton option Hongkong \$7.50/\$8.00 per ton.

750,980 MILES CAPTURED.

Mr. Bonar Law, in parliamentary papers, gives the following details as to the area of the conquered German colonies:—

South-West Africa ... 322,450 Square Miles.
Cameroons ... 300,000
Togoland ... 33,700
Samoa ... 880
Tolu ... 340
Kaiser Wilhelm ... 70,000
Pacific Islands ... 22,640
Bismarck Archipelago ... 22,640
Caroline, Pelew, Marianne and Marshall Islands ... 1,000
Kiauchau ... 200

OFFICER'S LEGACY TO HIS MEN.

Captain Richardson, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, who was killed in France, says Reuter, bequeathed \$6,000 for the education of the children of men of his company in the Second Overseas Battalion who have been killed or disabled.

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J. J. STUBBINGS.

Hongkong, April 23, 1916. 596

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WIDOWS' ON STATE PAY.

40,000 DRAWING PENSIONS.

Some important figures revealing the toll of life and limb the war has taken and the sorrow that follows in its trail were communicated to the House of Commons recently by Mr. Fisher in explaining the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill.

Number of Army widows 41,500
In receipt of pensions 23,400
Drawing separation 18,900
Drawing pensions 4,000
Number of Naval widows 4,648
Drawing pensions 4,180
Drawing separation 420
Drawing pensions 48
"Occupation" allowances are continued during first 26 weeks after husband's death.

Dependents other than widows and orphans 30,000
Drawing pensions 30,000
Drawing separation 30,000
Drawing pensions 15,106
These cases will be reviewed under the new conditions allowing pensions to be granted when the disease was "aggravated" by the war.

Cases of amputation 3,818
Blind soldiers 200
State pensions will be supplemented by allowances granted by the Statutory Committee.

Mr. Fisher claimed that the scale of pensions adopted was the most generous in the world. A widow received £100 with corresponding additions according to the number of the family. A widow with two children received £180, £60 when her youngest child was under 16, £100 when it was under 14, £80 when it was under 12, £60 when it was under 10, £40 when it was under 8, £20 when it was under 6, £10 when it was under 4, £5 when it was under 2, and £2 when it was under 1.

The widow of an agricultural labourer who had earned 20s. a week would receive for herself and two children £180, £60 a week, almost as much as her husband earned. And when she reached the age of 45 the amount would be increased to £215. Allowances on this scale would be quite inadequate to the wife of a man who had been earning £40, £45, or £50 a week. To meet these cases the Statutory Committee would "endeavour to make up the total income for a widow with children to two-thirds of the pre-war income," but the maximum pension would be £22. At this rate they were treading closely on the heels of the scale of pensions for officers, which in the lower command ranks was £100 a year.

Efforts would also be made to ensure for the children as good an education as they would have had if their fathers lived. Officers had already been received from schools. The Committee thought they would be able to make extra allowances in the case of sickness of severe operations.

Up to the present there had been 3,818 cases of amputation reported to the War Office. Of these 1,828 had already been received at the War Office and 932 had been discharged with artificial limbs. There was a waiting list of 2,027. Cases were being dealt with at the rate of 300 a month.

PRINCE OF WALES.
So far the main care of the blinded had fallen on Mr. C. Arthur Pearson "whose work at St. Dunstan's Hospital is really beyond all praise." ("Hear, hear.") There the blind were being taught for them everything that human kindness and science could do. Some 200 had either passed through or would pass through a period of training there. Probably there would be a very much larger number before the end of the war, and it might be necessary to provide another St. Dunstan's.

As to incurables, it was the aim to provide them with a home where they would receive every comfort for the remaining years of their life. That work

was already being undertaken by those who were responsible for starting the hospital at the old Star and Garter at Richmond. Special provision would have to be made also for nervous cases, "perhaps the most pitiful of all."

For the work of Committee Parliament was at present voting £1,000,000. It was not certain how far that would go, but he felt certain that it was not the only million that would be voted.

In the districts the work would be done through a number of local committees. They were being asked to make a complete survey and in a few months it was hoped to have a perfect record of the number of widows, orphans, disabled and dependents. Localities, he prophesied, would vie with another in doing all they could for the victims of the war. Power was given to them to rate themselves for the purpose.

BRITISH SHIPOWNERS.

GET THEIR SHARE OF THE HARVEST.

The London correspondent of the Paris edition of the *New York Herald*, writing on March 22nd said:

"That the neutral shipowner is skimming rich cream from the British market is not to be questioned, and it is only natural the British owner should object. The neutral, however, is not getting all the cream, as a glance at the shipping companies' financial reports show."

Notwithstanding the 50 per cent. tax on war profits, the heavy working expenses and the inability to take full advantage of the market through the menace of being requisitioned, British owners are doing very well indeed. Handsome dividends are being paid, and large sums are being added to reserves.

Taking the industry as a whole, a very cheerful view is taken for the future. In fact, the general belief is that excellent conditions will rule in the ocean-carrying trade for many years after the war is ended.

The following will illustrate how rapidly large sums are being made at present. A steamer of 6,000 tons loaded coal recently for Alexandria at the current rate of 105s. this earning £31,500 for a single voyage. This sum almost equals the value of the steamer in times of peace.

There are many owners, however, who would like to see freights come down to more reasonable levels; but they know that is impossible until more tonnage is available. All are looking forward to the time when builders will be free to take up the sorely needed work for the mercantile marine, and many schemes are discussed for turning out tonnage at the greatest speed possible.

In this connection, Mr. Runciman, speaking in Parliament the other day, gave the assurance that the Board of Trade is "considering whether the standardization of merchant ships would increase the rapidity of output, and diminish the cost and the amount of labour necessary."

Then, speaking in the same place, Sir Fortescue Flannery suggested that 100 vessels of 8,000 tons d.w. should be standardized in every detail of hull and machinery. There the question remains for the time being.

Great satisfaction is expressed by officers and men of the merchant service by the suggestion that a Special Order or Decree should be created in their favour, as well as the creation of a Ministry of Marine.

Lord Muskerry when speaking at the annual meeting of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, observed that one of his greatest aspirations had been to see the personnel of the merchant service placed under the same department as the Royal Navy. His reason for this desire is that in his opinion, the Board of Trade has failed to support captains and officers in maintaining proper discipline on board ship. Perhaps another solution of the problem, Lord Muskerry added,

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BANKING CORPORATION.

Capital £1,000,000
Reserve Fund £1,000,000
Profit and Loss £1,000,000
Total £3,000,000

Reserve Liability of £15,000,000

Properties £15,000,000

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